Helping you to have your say:

We are now consulting local people on a new pattern of wards for South Ribble. The Commission has an open mind about its final recommendations and will consider every piece of evidence we receive from local groups and people. Every representation will be considered, regardless of whom it is from or whether it relates to the whole borough or just a part of it.

If you agree with our recommendations, please let us know. If you don’t think our recommendations are right for South Ribble, we want to hear alternative proposals for a different pattern of wards.

The Commission aims to propose a pattern of wards for South Ribble which delivers:

- **Electoral equality**: each councillor represents a similar number of voters.
- **Community identity**: reflects the identity and interests of local communities.
- **Effective and convenient local government**: helping your council discharge its responsibilities effectively.

A good pattern of wards should:

- Provide good electoral equality, with each councillor representing, as closely as possible, the same number of voters.
- Reflect community interests and identities and include evidence of community links.
- Be based on strong, easily identifiable boundaries.
- Help the council deliver effective and convenient local government.

**Electoral equality:**

- Does your proposal mean that councillors would represent roughly the same number of voters as elsewhere in the council area?

**Community identity:**

- **Transport links**: are there good links across your proposed ward? Is there any form of public transport?
- **Community groups**: is there a parish council, residents association or another group that represents the area?
- **Facilities**: does your pattern of wards reflect where local people go for shops, medical services, leisure facilities etc?
- **Interests**: what issues bind the community together or separate it from other parts of your area?
- **Identifiable boundaries**: are there natural or constructed features which make strong boundaries for your proposals?

**Effective local government:**

- Are any of the proposed wards too large or small to be represented effectively?
- Are the proposed names of the wards appropriate?

**Useful tips:**

- Our website has a special consultation area where you can explore the maps and draw your own proposed boundaries. You can find it at [consultation.lgbce.org.uk](http://consultation.lgbce.org.uk).
- We publish all submissions we receive on our website so you can follow what other people and organisations have told us. Go to: [www.lgbce.org.uk](http://www.lgbce.org.uk).

Have your say by writing to:

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LGBCE

Layden House

76–86 Turnmill Street

London EC1M 5LG

Through our consultation area: [consultation.lgbce.org.uk](http://consultation.lgbce.org.uk)

Or by email to: [reviews@lgbce.org.uk](mailto:reviews@lgbce.org.uk)

The full report and interactive maps are available to view at [www.lgbce.org.uk](http://www.lgbce.org.uk).

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**Draft recommendations on the new electoral arrangements for South Ribble Borough Council**

**Summary report**

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**Who we are**

The Local Government Boundary Commission for England is an independent body set up by Parliament. We are not part of government or any political party. We are accountable to Parliament through a committee of MPs chaired by the Speaker of the House of Commons.

Our main role is to carry out electoral reviews of local authorities throughout England.

**Electoral review**

An electoral review examines and proposes new electoral arrangements for a local authority. A local authority’s electoral arrangements are:

- The total number of councillors representing the council’s voters (‘council size’).
- The names, number and boundaries of wards or electoral divisions.
- The number of councillors representing each ward or division.

**Why South Ribble?**

We are conducting an electoral review of South Ribble Borough Council to deliver improved levels of electoral equality for local voters.

South Ribble currently has high levels of electoral inequality where some councillors represent many more - or many fewer - voters than others. This means that the value of your vote - in borough council elections - varies depending on where you live in South Ribble.

**Our proposals for South Ribble**

South Ribble Borough Council currently has 55 councillors. We propose that the council should have 50 councillors in future. The Commission believes that a council size of 50 members will ensure the council can discharge its roles and responsibilities effectively and provides for a warding pattern that meets our statutory criteria.

**Electoral arrangements**

Our draft recommendations propose that South Ribble’s 50 councillors should represent 19 two-member and four three-member wards across the district.

You have until 6 January 2014 to have your say on the draft recommendations.

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Summary of our recommendations

We have considered all of the submissions we received during the previous phase of consultation, and our draft recommendations are largely based on submissions from the Council and from the Labour Group on the Council.

In some areas, the two schemes were identical, and in some areas we have adopted wards from one scheme or the other. We have also proposed wards which were different from both schemes in some parts of the borough.

In response to the submissions received, we have developed warding patterns in the Western Parishes area of South Ribble that are based broadly on those of the Council. We amended the Council’s proposed boundary between New Longton & Hutton East and Longton & Hutton West. This amendment is to provide for a stronger and more recognisable boundary between these two wards.

We have also largely based our draft recommendations for the Central and eastern areas of the borough on the proposals from the Council. In the Penwortham and Walton-le-Dale areas we have used boundaries proposed by the Labour Group, while in Bamber Bridge we based our proposed wards on the Council’s scheme, with some amendments to provide for stronger ward boundaries.

In Leyland we based our draft recommendations on the Labour Group’s scheme. We considered that it provided for more recognisable ward boundaries and kept communities together. We proposed different ward names from those put forward by the Labour Group and we would be interested to hear views on these names during this period of consultation.

You can read the full report on our website at www.lgbce.org.uk.

Overview of draft recommendations for South Ribble Borough Council

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